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With a government reserve of \$240,000,000, besides other millions piled up in the national treasury, isn't it the wildest sort of financing for the government to be borrowing \$150,000,000 more? It is reported to have two or three millions of idle ready cash were to go out and borrow a million more, paying usury for it, would anybody believe that he had the alleged ready cash? Wouldn't they believe he had got it tied up some where by bad management so that he couldn't get hold of it to use? Wonder if Uncle Sam's boasted surplus isn't doing service for the Standard Oil trusts, which seem to be the favorite depositories of the Secretary of Treasury.

Mr. Bryan was in Washington, this week and his stay was one continuous conversation, beginning with a Bryan demonstration by the law-abiding organizations of the like of which it is said has never been at the capital. The four days' oration concluded Tuesday night with a banquet, at which all elements of the party were represented, and Mr. Bryan in one of his best efforts defined Democratic policies. He cited several Democratic principles which President Roosevelt had in part attempted to follow, but in which he was opposed by leading Republicans; other Democratic policies which he essayed, and a number of undemocratic doctrines which he advocated. Speeches were made by other prominent Democrats representing the heretofore anti-Bryan sentiment of the party, among them representatives of Tammany and New York Democracy, John Sharp Williams and Ollie James, representatives of the anti-Bryan elements of Southern Democracy, and Perry Belmont, spokesman of the "conservative" or property-holding and anti-Bryan 1896 and 1900 faction of the party. But throughout the speaking there was no note of hostility to Mr. Bryan.

AS TO MR. ROBB.

Even before Hon. M. R. Smith has taken his seat in Congress former Congressman Robb's home paper announces the purpose of the latter to contest the renomination of Mr. Smith in 1908. This would be defying a time honored precedent of the Democratic party of which Mr. Robb has frequently been a beneficiary—that of according without opposition a renomination for a second term to a successful candidate. THE TIMES has always been a friend of Mr. Robb and a former supporter of several of his nominations for Congress, and we would be sorry to have him make such a break.

After Mr. Robb's first nomination to Congress he was accorded his second nomination without opposition. During the four years he was Prosecuting Attorney of Perry county he received a second nomination of his party without a contest, and also for Representative of his county in the Legislature. Mr. Robb has been highly honored by his party. Four years as Prosecuting Attorney of his county; four years as Representative of his county in the General Assembly; four years as Assistant Attorney General under Attorney General John M. Wood, in which he drew for his services not less than \$8,000, and eight years in Congress at an aggregate salary of \$40,000; the whole covering a period of twenty years in public office with salaries aggregating between \$50,000 and \$55,000. This is to his credit, and we do not doubt that he has earned all he has received; but it does look as if this were sufficient to gratify a reasonable ambition.

It is not as if Mr. Robb were

preeminently the ablest and most available man in the district and as if a large majority of the rank and file of the party were demanding his return to Congress. His closest friends would not set up any such claim as that, and hence his candidacy would partake largely of a desire to gratify his own personal ambition rather than having in view the best interests of the party which has so generously honored him.

Mr. Smith has not yet had an opportunity to make a record as a Congressman, as the first session in which he sits does not convene until the first of December, but he is a man of legal and intellectual attainments and his friends have every reason to believe that he will "make good." They not only believe that he is entitled to a second nomination under the precedent mentioned, but that he will deserve such recognition from his party, and that any effort to deprive him of this honor would precipitate a factional fight in this district that would bode no good for the party.

Next year is also presidential year as well as the year for electing a Governor and State officers and a Legislature that will elect a United States Senator. The less friction with which we enter upon the campaign the greater the chances of success all along the line. The patriotic partisan will take these matters into consideration and relegate self-interest and personal ambition to the rear.

THE ANTI-SALOON CRUSADE.

The present temperance wave seems to have a stronger hold on the minds and hearts of the people and more tenacity of purpose than the many temperance movements which have at intervals swept over the country. There have been temperance agitations of more apparent intensity, creating for the time an enthusiasm and zeal for the cause only to die out and allow the old order of things to assert itself. But seeds were sown in these movements that were eventually to germinate and bring forth fruit, although they had come to be looked upon as spasmodic and periodical storms. The work of the Sons of Temperance, the Good Templars, the Murphy movement and others of this character are remembered by many.

Later the Prohibition party, a moral as well as political factor, was evolved. It was regarded with little concern by the two great political parties, but it was composed of men with a single purpose in view, and though it won no party victories it grew in strength. It was not an organization that expected to revolutionize the country or to take it by storm, but it continued to gradually sow the seeds of opposition to the liquor traffic and to instill into the minds of the people the statistics of the disastrous effect of that traffic upon the morals and welfare of the country. It was supplemented with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and young people's temperance organizations. They were not ephemeral, fleeting comets to burn out ere they had lighted a track across the darkened skies of intemperance. Instead they were lamps, burning steadily and sending out a benign and effective light that has penetrated slowly but surely every nook and corner of the land.

The liquor traffic has not been idle either. It has worked and planned, organized and capitalized, protected and fortified itself by law wherever it could and violated law where it could not. Its political activities have been with the party or candidates, locally or State,

from which it hoped to secure the greatest immunity from molestation or prosecution for violations of the law—especially of the Sunday-closing law. It has grown rich and powerful and arrogant, assuming as a right that which is granted as a license. It has multiplied the dramshops of the country where young men are enticed to drink and form the drink habit. The big breweries and whisky manufacturers are back of and own many of these saloons in the large cities and perhaps not a few in the country, or equip them as depots where their wares may be doled out by the drama.

But the sturdy growth of temperance is asserting itself as it never has before. There is in it more virility, more steadiness of purpose, more confidence, and it is moving. Kentucky, which prided itself on its "beautiful women, fast horses and good whisky," which was noted for its fragrant mint julep, has voted the saloon out of more than one hundred of its one hundred and five counties. A new State, strongly Democratic, has just been admitted to the Union, with a prohibition constitution; in the recent elections in Illinois the "drys" carried twenty out of twenty-five cities; on the 16th the Legislature of Alabama passed a State prohibition law to become effective January, 1909; more than fifty counties in Missouri have voted out the saloon, and elections are soon to be held in others with the prospects for the "drys" in the ascendancy; and so on all over the country.

Yes, the present anti-saloon movement seems to be a different sort from those of the days of John B. Gough and Francis Murphy.

The two Senators from South Dakota couldn't agree on the federal appointments of the State, and President Roosevelt didn't relish taking all the responsibility, so he suggested that the matter be settled by the gamblers' method of tossing up a coin—"heads or tails," and drawing slips of paper. The suggestion was agreed to, and the President tossed up a coin and the Senators drew slips of paper, and as each drew the long slip he named his favorite for some office whom the President promptly appointed. Some years ago a congressional nomination in the Ninth district of this State was settled in the same way, the two contestants being Judge Elijah Robinson, then of old Pike, and Hon. R. H. Norton of Lincoln County. The toss of the copper favored Mr. Norton, he was nominated, and went through the campaign as "Toss up Dick." So the President has a precedent for his action, but it is very questionable whether public offices should be gambled away in that fashion; the moral effect is not elevating.

Superstitions About Water.

Delightfully quaint are all the superstitions concerning water, and one which never fails to send little thrills along one's spine is that which holds that, if water is taken with soup, the drinker will cough in his grave. A lively quarrel is said to be the result of two friends washing their hands in the same water; and while water poured on the doorstep ensures prosperity, water thrown out will soon give cause to weep. Pleasant indeed for the maiden is the belief that every time she spills water her lover thinks upon her; but for the housewife the spilling of water foretells that, ere she can dry it up, her house will be full of callers.

Sold His Eternal Salvation.

Rodion Dielo, a Russian newspaper, reproduces from the original a curious deed of transfer. The document runs: "I, the undersigned, Nicola Niechporovitch, peasant, 38 years of age, of the Dognurovsk district of Melitopol, have fallen into evil days. I am at the end of my resources, and hereby certify that I have sold for the sum of 50 rubles my eternal salvation and place in the kingdom of heaven to Makar Selenny." The signature is attested by one elder of the village council.

Corrosion of Boilers.

Corrosion or the wasting away of the iron of a steam boiler may be due to the acid in the feed water, says Ideal Power. Where sulphuric acid is found in this water its destructive force is often spent in destroying the feed pipes before it actually enters the boiler. This is expensive, annoying, and even dangerous in some cases, but is much preferable to a boiler explosion.

A Panic Exchange of Civilities.

A good Republican politician and farmer were engaged in a conversation the other day. The farmer was leaning up against his fence and the Republican stood just across the fence. A reporter of THE TIMES overheard the following:

"My friend," said the Republican, "there isn't any panic."

"Why not?" asked the farmer; "four acres cannot sell their products, even at a greatly reduced price."

"But the banks are all right and are not affected by this little financial whirlwind," ventured the Republican politician.

"Why not?" again asked the farmer; "I have a thousand dollar mortgage on my little farm and have been ordered to pay up or the bank will sell me out, and I have tried every other bank in this county and every moneyed man in the county and cannot borrow a dollar; besides, I know a man who had \$2,000 on long deposit in one of the banks and offered to sell his time certificate for \$2,000 and there wasn't a man in the county who could get hold of that much cash."

"The times are good in Southeast Missouri, are they not?" asked the R. P.

"Why, yes," slowly replied the farmer; "the great lead corporations are paying in script and offering to execute their corporate note for what they owe their contractors."

"Well," argued the R. P., "if there is a panic the Republican party is not to blame for it."

"Why not," said the farmer; "the Republican party has the President, the Supreme Court, both houses of Congress, have passed all laws, enforcing those they wanted to enforce and ignoring all others, and have built up a gigantic trust; w-h-y n-o-t the Republican party is not to blame."

By this time the R. P. became a little exasperated and retorted, "My good friend, there isn't much between you and a fool."

"No, only this fence," shot back the farmer; "and you Republicans must remember that you may fool all the people some of the time, and you may fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

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DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAUSES SICKNESS

Modern People Have Many Names for Same Diseases, According to New Belief.

Does human health depend on one organ alone? This question is becoming widely discussed since L. T. Cooper, widely advanced his theory that the stomach is the true seat of life and all health dependent upon it.

Mr. Cooper, who has met with remarkable success in the sale of his new medicine, believes that the stomach is responsible for most sickness, and that this organ is weak in the present generation. While discussing this theory recently, he said: "I am asked time and again to tell why my medicine has made such a record wherever I have introduced it. My answer always is, 'because it restores the stomach to a normal condition.' No one will deny that today there are more half-sick men and women than ever before. Nothing critical seems to be the matter with them. They are just half-sick most of the time. They don't know really what is the matter with them. I have talked with thousands during the past two years, and few knew indeed what their trouble was. One said nervousness, another said indigestion, another liver complaint, some constipation, or heart trouble, or lung trouble. Many had freckles as they called it, for most of these diseases at different times. A very common complaint is 'ill run down' or 'tired all the time' or 'no appetite'."

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Among more recent converts to Mr. Cooper's beliefs is Mr. Edgar L. Hinds, living at 6 Tappan Street, Everett, Mass. Mr. Hinds has this to say on the subject:

"I have suffered with stomach trouble for eight years. I was not sick enough to be in bed, but just felt bad all the time. My greatest trouble was that I always felt tired, would get up in the morning feeling as tired as when I went to bed."

"I had a very irregular appetite, and was troubled with dizzy spells. If I stood for any length of time, I would have a dull pain in the lower part of my back. I was nervous and felt all the time as though something terrible was going to happen. I tried many kinds of medicine, but nothing ever helped me."

"I had about given up all hope of ever being in good health again, when I heard so much of Cooper and decided to try his medicine. I took one bottle of his New Discovery and was greatly surprised at the result. I started to eat in a few weeks. I was no longer nervous, I felt like a new man. I cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers from stomach trouble."

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